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GREEWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE RECEIVES CUT

The Greenwich Lesbian And Gay Centre was informed last week of substantial cut in their funding. The policy and resources committee of the labour controlled Greenwich Council allocated eight thousand pounds less than the Centre needed to cover its costs.

The G.L.G.C., which is the only lesbian and gay initiative funded by the council, has been in existence for nearly six years. The centre aims to serve the most vulnerable and isolated people in the local lesbian and gay community offering them information, advice, counselling, social groups and safe place to meet at low cost.

The management committee and workers of the centre are determined to keep the facility going but are outraged by the apparent back track in the council support for lesbian and gay people. The Centre runs on a shoe string budget and the council were made aware of the detrimental effect any cut in funding would make to the G.L.G.C.s services, the lives of the people who use it and rely on it for help.

A second round of cuts could be on the way if Greenwich council are unsuccessful in their appeal against the governments poll tax capping. In the meanwhile funding is only guaranteed for three months pending Micheal Hesiltines and the department of environments decision.

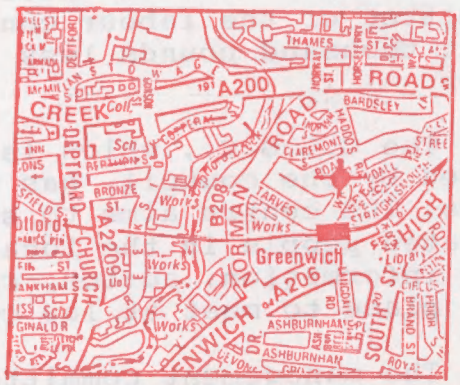
The Centre will be holding a public meeting to discuss the future of the Centre and the way forward on **Thursday 25th April at 7.30 pm at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road.** (nearest train station Greenwch, Buses 1, 177, 180, 188. West Greenwich House is fully accessable). For more details about this or the Centre and its services ring Maggie or Keith on 081 316 5954, 2-10pm Monday to Thursday.

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TEA DANCE AND PARTY

AT HADDO HALL,



TARVES WAY, GREENWICH, SE10

ON SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 91

A.G.M. FROM 2PM - ADMISSION FREE TO PARTY AND TEA DANCE

TEA DANCE 4PM-7.30PM - ADMISSION £2/£1 TO DANCE AND PARTY

PARTY - 7.30PM - 10.30PM - ADMISSION £2/£1

BRING A BOTTLE

COMPLETE DISABLED ACCESS

BUSSES 1, 177, 180, 188 / TRAIN - GREENWICH

RING - G.L.G.C ON 316-5984 FOR DETAILS.

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THIS CENTRE AIN'T CLOSED!

Due to a 20% cut in funding from the London Borough of Greenwich the Centre was nearly forced to close. In order to keep within budget this cut had to be drastic.

Maggie Honey, Lesbian development worker for the Centre has taken voluntary redundancy as of the 1st November 1991.The remaining worker, Keith Trotman will continue to work at the Centre full time until the end of December after which time he will take half pay until the end of March. We will be seeking funding for new workers for the new year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Maggie Honey for all her work of the past six and a half years and wish her the best of luck for the future.

All the Centre groups are now open for business as you usual, as is the Phoneline. With the reduction in staff there is desperate need for volunteers to help with running groups, counselling, work,the Phoneline,admin, production of newsletters etc

♂ *WE NEED YOUR HELP, GIVE US A HAND!* ♀

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GOING PLACES

This time I know it's for real! Finally a decision has been made by the Management Committee, by Centre users, and conditionally approved by the Council. During the past months we have been combing the back streets of Greenwich and Debtford for suitable accommodation and think we're close to finding somewhere.

We aim to be moving before the end of March 1992 so it will be 'Hasta la vista' Thames Barrier.

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FUNDRAISING PARTIES

24th January .....Lesbian and Gay Party after the Trash Auction
From 10.00 pm till 2.00 am

14th February.....VALENTINES BALL

21st February.....Lesbian Party.

28th February.....Gay Men's Party.

All Parties are Friday evenings from 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Entrance is £1.00 unwaged and £2.00 waged. Please bring a bottle.

♂ GROUPS MEETING AT THE CENTRE ♀

All groups meet at the Centre between 7 and 10 p.m.

Day Entrance is 30p non waged and 60p waged.

Monday .....Lesbian Film Club.
Tuesday.....Gay Mens Group
Wednesday....Lesbian Group
Thursday.....Young Gay Men's Group (under 21 only).

New for Mondays and Tuesdays

Opening in early in the new year will be mixed lesbian and gay support and social groups. These will meet the main space while the single sex groups meet in the smaller room.

CENTRE'S ANNUAL TRASH AUCTION

Next years trash auction will take place on Friday 25th Jan '92 at the Centre. So this is your chance to get rid of all that old trash you've been accumulating (no old boyfriends or girlfriends *please*). Simply wrap up that trash in some pretty paper and a stunningly magnificant prize will be awarded,by a mystery guest,to the person who donates the mostly artistically disguised gift.

Bidding will start at 8 p.m. Please bring a bottle if you fancy a tipple. Entrance will be 50p unwaged and £1.00 waged.

FOR DETAILS RING KEITH ON 081 316 5954

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STOP PRESS LATE CENTRE NEWS

We are currently negotiating for premises in the Deptford area, and unless complications arise with the lease/contract we could possibly be moving as early as mid February or the beginning of March.

It is likely that we shall have limited funds available to ensure the place is usable for the local lesbian and gay community. We therefore are seeking individuals who have some building or decorating skills who would be willing to donate some of their time to getting the new premises ship shape and ready for use.

Please contact Keith at the Centre for more details on 081 316 5954 after 2pm Mon - Thurs.

We would like to give the new premises a good start by giving them a name which may also become the Trading Name for any commercial activities that the G.L.G.C. may undertake. Suggestions so far have included Boheimia, The Village and Marlowes. Have you any suggestions or preferences if so please contact Keith after 2p.m. Mon - Thurs.

K. Trotman G.L.G.C.

☆☆ GREENWICH ☆☆

☆☆ LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE ☆☆

☆☆NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER ☆☆

Firstly may I apologise for the delay in keeping you informed with the progress and activities of the Centre. We are progressing with the relocation of the premises and employment of a lesbian worker but its slow going, but more about this below.

☐ MOVE IN MOTION ☐

In December last year we found the premises in Deptford Bridge, by February the Management Committee and Users of the Centre had voted in favour of a move to Deptford and in June the Centres Directors and Management Committee had signed the lease so why haven't we moved?

It is requirement of being founded by Greenwich Council that all new premises are viewed by the Valuation Department prior to leasing agreements agreement being concluded. The purposes of which is to insure that council department and voluntary organisations are not ripped off by unscrupulous property owners. The Centre requested the Valuation Dept' to view the premises in Deptford Bridge in late February. The valuation survey of the building did not occur until early part of June as it was considered by someone within the council that the long term future of the Centre was too uncertain to warrent such work to be undertaken at that time. The Centre staff and Management Committee were not made aware of this decision and continued to press on with negotiations with the owner of the Deptford Bridge site.

Two days after the Directors / Management Committee signed the lease of the new premises the valuation Dept' reported to us that they were concerned about several aspects of the premises and the lease. In their opinion the shop fronts at Deptford Bridge would require ten of thousands of pounds of work to make them suitable for public use. As result of these findings we obviously suspended the conclusion of the leasing agreement until such a time that we can assertain the extent of the work required by the council. An agreement has already been reached with the owner that he will ensure that any reasonable work is undertaken. The stumbling block has been finding out what repairs and improvements the council requires. I hope to have news on this in the near future.

SERVICE PROVISION

On the same day the Centres Directors /Management Committee members signed the lease for the premises for Deptford Bridge all services were closed down as we thought at the time we would be moving to new premises within the next few weeks. Until such a time that we can guarentee a secure base for our groups and have recruited a new memebr of staff we regret we will be unable to offer these kinds of services. The phone line will still continue to operate between 2 and 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

GETTING OUR HOUSE IN ORDER

The Centre management Committee and staff have been using the quite period over the last few months well. We were aware that our policies were in disaray, more of a hindrance than a benefit. The Centre now has a code of conduct for all levels of the organisation, the users of the Centre will be voting on the adoption of Articles and Memorandum of association at the annual General Meeting on Thursday 17th September. A vote in favour will create the Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre Ltd, a company limited by guareentee. Hopefully a draft form of the new Equal Opportunities Policy will also be available at the A.G.M.

New disciplinary and room letting proceedures will follow within next month and by April we hope to of obtained Charity status.

NEW ROLES FOR THE WORKERS

For the last six years the Centre has had two paid worker posts, a lesbian Centre Development Officer and a Gay Mens Centre Development Officer. In attempt to prevent duplication of work these post have now been re-evaluated. The Centre will now employ a Centre Manager and a Service Manager. The Centre Manager will be responsible for the premises, fundraising, grant applications, administration, Centre publicity and external training. The Service Manager will be responsible for the development of groups and services within the Centre, the phoneline, the provision of information and befriending, advertising Centre services and internal training.

The Centre will continue to employ a lesbian and a gay man into this post but both will have responsibility for dealing with the needs of the local lesbian and gay community. Both workers willbe employed on the same salary scale. Keith Trotman, the existing Centre worker will be the Centre Manager and the new lesbian worker will be the Service Manager.

INTERESTED IN A JOB WITH G.L.G.C. ?

If you are interested in apply for the post of Lesbian Service Manager please contact Keith Trotman at the G.L.G.C. Ltd, 3rd Floor, 17, Bowater Rd, London S.E.18 5.T.F. Recruitment packs will be available within the next few weeks. Alternatively look in the job pages of The Guardian, The Voice and Pink Paper for the Recruitment Ad within the next few additions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE

ON

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 1992

AT THE FOUNTAIN PUB
DEPTFORD BROADWAY S.E.8

AT 6.30 P.M.

(THE FIRST DRINK IS ON US IF
YOU ARRIVE AT THE A.G.M. BY 6.45 p.m.)

FOLLOWED BY A BENEFIT
ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRE
WITH FEMALE SINGER
NIKKI FRENCH
PLUS DISCO TIL MIDNIGHT.